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Dear Mr. Schepens:

**CONTRACT NO. DE-AC27-01RV14136 – REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF DUE DATES FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION BASIS CHANGES AND FOR CORRESPONDING DECISIONS TO DEVIATE**

- References: 1) CCN 102522, Letter, from J. P. Henschel, BNI, to R. J. Schepens, ORP, "Transmittal for Approval: Authorization Basis Amendment Request 24590-WTP-SE-ENS-04-041, Revision 2, *PT Non-Newtonian Vessels and Hydrogen Mitigation*," dated November 24, 2004.
- 2) CCN 093518, Letter, from J. P. Henschel, BNI, to R. J. Schepens, ORP, "Transmittal for Approval: Authorization Basis Amendment Request 24590-WTP-SE-ENS-04-092, Revision 1, *Revision of the RLD Vessel Design to Reflect the Elimination of the HCP Vessels*," dated August 11, 2004.
- 3) CCN 090786, Letter, from J. P. Henschel, BNI, to R. J. Schepens, ORP, "Transmittal for Approval: ABAR 24590-WTP-SE-ENS-04-099, Revision 0, Proposed Controls to Prevent Releases Associated with Water Addition to LAW Melters and Closure of Preliminary Safety Analysis Report Conditions of Acceptance," dated June 25, 2004.

References 2 and 3 are Authorization Basis Amendment Requests (ABAR) pending approval by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Bechtel National, Inc. (BNI) has been informed that approval may not occur before November 30, 2004, which is the due date for reconciliation of the corresponding decisions to deviate (DTD) from the Authorization Basis (24590-HLW-DTD-ENS-04-0003 and 24590-LAW-DTD-ENS-04-0003). BNI procedures require reconciliation of a DTD, by an associated ABAR, within 60 days (plus extensions) of the approval of the DTD.

BNI, therefore, requests extensions of the approval due date for ABARs 24590-WTP-SE-ENS-04-092 and 24590-WTP-SE-ENS-04-099 from November 30, 2004, to December 31, 2004, to accommodate the additional time needed by DOE to process these reconciling ABARs.

Reference 1 is the submittal of a revision to ABAR 24590-WTP-SE-ENS-04-041 for Pretreatment (PT) Facility Non-Newtonian Vessels and Hydrogen Mitigation. This ABAR revision takes into account adjusted inventory and feed properties of waste received at the Hanford Tank Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant from Tank Farms. This ABAR is the reconciling AB change document for five PT decisions to deviate: 24590-PTF-DTD-ENS-04-0001, 0002, 0003, 0004, and 24590-WTP-DTD-ENS-04-0001. Since discussions are continuing with DOE on the use of a modified waste stream from the Tank Farms, BNI requests that the due date for the closure of the DTDs (subject to the approval of 24590-WTP-SE-ENS-04-041, Rev. 2) be moved from November 30, 2004 to January 31, 2005.

Please contact Mr. Mark Platt at 371-3365 for any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

  
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